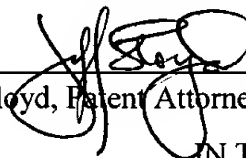


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a two-month extension of time through and including October 21, 2002 accompanies this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.823:

In the Specification:

Page 8: Before "*Detailed Description of the Invention*" insert the following:

Brief Description of the Sequences

SEQ ID NO. 1 is the tetra-peptide GDFD.

SEQ ID NO. 2 is the tetra-peptide GDDD.

a **SEQ ID NO. 3** is the tetra-peptide D-ADGD (in which the alanine is in the D conformation, other amino acids being in the L conformation).

SEQ ID NO. 4 is the tetra-peptide GDLD.

SEQ ID NO. 5 is the tetra-peptide GDAD.